

CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING: September 11, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jewell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Cordova Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members Present: Ms. Jewell, Ms. Glasen, Mr. Bradford, and Mr. Hoepfner

Members via telephone: None

Members Absent: Ms. Altermott

Quorum: Established

Staff Present: Superintendent Alex Russin, Business Manager Kristy Andrew, Principal Kate Williams, Principal Gayle Groff, Technology Director Keith Zamudio, Maintenance Director Josh Pearson and Secretary Nora Dudley

Staff Absent: Food Service Director Ms. Sandie Ponte

City Council Rep: None

Student Council Rep: Zya Taylor

CEA Rep: Laura Hanson

Visitors: Theresa Stavig and William Deaton

PRESENTATIONS OR AWARDS/CERTIFICATES: A certificate of recognition was presented to Doug Carroll by Superintendent Russin for excellent performance in working with students. He shared that Mr. Carroll had been a great asset to the district in several areas and now with the new STEM program. Mr. Russin added that the district was excited to see the development of this program unfold and was eager to see new course pathways offered to students in the upcoming years.

CORRESPONDENCE: A "Thank you" letter was sent to Wilson Construction for helping the district install the Wolverine Pride logo and "Cordova Wolverines" lettering from the old Jr/Sr. High School gym floor on the North and South walls in the gym.

HEARINGS OF INVITED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS (Limited to 15 minutes per Individual/Group): Mr. Doug Carroll provided an overview of his new STEM classes this year, including curriculum resources, project ideas, and ways in which these courses could help students who were interested in STEM to be career ready. Several questions were asked by the Board regarding student interest and engagement in these courses.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Bradford moved to approve the September 11, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Hoepfner seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion PASSED 3-0

AUDIENCE COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

REPORTS

Student Council: Zya Taylor provided a brief report of the first meeting of the 2018-19 school year. She explained items that would be discussed in the next meeting such as purpose and goals of student council, Robert's Rules, Regional Tournaments and selecting committee members. Mr. Russin suggested that student council consider having several members be ambassadors for visiting teams during tournaments.

City Council: None

Cordova Education Association: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports

AASB Liaison:	(Mr. Hoepfner)
Jr./Sr. High Site Council:	(Ms. Altermott)
Elementary Site Council:	(Ms. Glasen)
Curriculum Committee:	(Ms. Jewell & Ms. Glasen)
Policy Committee:	(Ms. Altermott & Mr. Hoepfner)
Safety and Facility Committee:	(Mr. Bradford & Mr. Hoepfner)
Strategic Planning Committee:	(Ms. Jewell & Ms. Altermott)
Negotiations:	(Ms. Jewell & Mr. Hoepfner)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mt. Eccles Elementary School-Ms. Groff, Principal

- Ms. Groff was absent but a written report was provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Russin explained that Ms. Groff was attending the Open House at Mt. Eccles which had been previously scheduled. Ms. Glasen asked if there was an update regarding the status of kindergarten on whether the group would be separated. Mr. Russin responded that options were being discussed and that Ms. Groff asked staff to discuss options for maximizing instruction for the large group.

Jr./Sr. High School-Ms. Williams, Principal

- Ms. Williams provided a written report which was included in the Board Packet. She reported that Wednesday classes were coming along well, teachers were receiving the final items from their supply lists, and the great weather had cooperated with outdoor activities. Ms. Williams also shared that a maritime course recently began through AVTEC and that the school was very excited to resume working with them after a long absence since the 2014-15 School Year.

Technology Report-Mr. Zamudio

- Mr. Zamudio provided a report which was included in the Board Packet. He added that he had recently received a message from the Department of Education with information for live student homework help through the SLEP Program (Statewide Library Electronic Doorway). Mr. Zamudio shared that the homework help was online 7 days a week from noon to 2:00 am, was free to all students, K-12 and covered a wide range of subjects. Details can be found at: <https://lam.alaska.gov/sled/homework>.

Maintenance Report-Mr. Pearson

- Mr. Pearson provided a written report which was included in the Board Packet. He added that he had been working on establishing additional maintenance and custodial practices at each school, including communication with staff. He also provided a brief update on the CHS gym floor, which included a finish date of September 16th. Mr. Pearson shared that he had been working on some small, but necessary projects that have needed completion.

Food Service Report-Ms. Ponte

- Ms. Ponte was not present, but a written report was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Russin reported that he would bring back some clarification on the different breakfast and lunch meals listed in her report. He suggested that these may be the difference between hot and cold breakfast and lunches served. Mr. Russin added his appreciation for the 800 lbs. of red salmon that was received for schools from local sources.

Business Department Report- Ms. Andrew

- Ms. Andrew included a written report in the Board Packet. She reported that the application for the Medicaid for Schools has been submitted. Ms. Jewell asked how the audit was going. Ms. Andrew responded that the process was going well and that the auditing firm had been easy to work with. She added that the draft report should be sent to the district in the upcoming weeks.

Superintendent Report-Mr. Russin

- Mr. Russin included a written report in the Board Packet. He wanted to follow up on the MAP assessment and its relevance for Jr./Sr. High School students. He shared that the Administration had discussed alternatives to MAP for the older students, including the PSAT 8/9 and SAT, which students and teachers may find more relevant and meaningful for a variety of reasons compared to MAP. Mr. Russin asked for clarification from the Board whether the decision-making process for using a different assessment tool was an Administrative decision or Board decision. The Board responded that it was an Administrative decision and that the Board would like information on assessment practices such as purpose and usefulness for staff and students, in particular.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Andrew included the August 2018 Financials in the Board Packet. She answered several questions from Board Members regarding the Food Service USDA grant, general expenditures, and scholarship funds.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019 AASB Resolutions

Discussion: Ms. Jewell noted that in last month's Board Packet there was a link to the resolutions online and that all of the resolutions were included in this month's packet so that the Board could review and comment on them as desired. Mr. Hoepfner added that the resolutions included belief and rationale statements so that context and background information could be provided to school boards in the state. It was also noted that the highlighted text referenced resolutions that were sunseting this year.

CONTRACTS/MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENTS: None

PERSONNEL: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

October Regular Meeting rescheduled due to Superintendent travel.

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PENDING AGENDA

Board Goals and District Goals

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Theresa Stavig was present to follow-up on the progress of the discipline policy conversation. She stated that she was looking forward to October's meeting to learn of any updates taking place.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Hoepfner: Thanked Doug Carroll for his dedication and work with students and wished him luck in his new role as STEM teacher. Mr. Hoepfner also expressed his excitement towards the reveal of the new gym floor.

Ms. Glasen: Thanked Ms. Sandie Ponte for applying for grant funds that would help purchase a new dishwasher for the grade school.

Mr. Bradford: Shared his excitement for the new gym floor and for increased communications with the City regarding the school buildings. He also thanked the Board members for their efforts and following up on matters that benefit the school district.

Ms. Jewell: Echoed the Board member's comments and added that many of the Board's recent meetings have been intense, but they were all focused toward student achievement and well-being.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Glasen moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a person and/or a subject that may tend to prejudice the reputation or character of a person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Hoepfner seconded.

Motion: PASSED: 4-0

Entered Executive Session at 8:42 pm

Reconvened Regular Meeting at 9:25pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoepfner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bradford seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion PASSED 4-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 pm

ATTEST

President

Clerk

Date

Date